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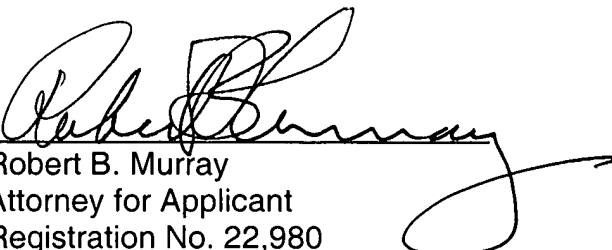
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 5, 2004, the applicants hereby elect Group I, namely claims 1-56 drawn to a deposition method with condensation of exhaust gases, without traverse. The non-elected claims are retained for the time being, pending consideration of the possibility of filing a divisional application directed thereto. The restriction requirement also contained a requirement for an election of species, and the applicants hereby elect the species of an apparatus with a cold trap. None of the elected claims contain a restriction with respect to a solvent tank or an absorption tank, and thus all of the claims read on the elected invention.

Early and favorable action on the merits is awaited.

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